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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: David G. Kruger, et al

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Title: METHOD FOR ACQUIRING MRI DATA FROM A LARGE FIELD OF VIEW USING  
CONTINUOUS TABLE MOTION

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**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the first Patent Office action dated June 18, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

**Remarks**

A reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. The cited Brittain et al application (US2003/0011369A1) is not prior art and it is improper to reject claims in view of this reference.

With respect to the subject matter recited in the pending claims, Applicants are entitled to a priority filing date of April 9, 2001. The provisional application filed on that date is very complete and it supports the subject matter in all the claims rejected in view of Brittain et al. Enclosed and marked as Exhibit A is a copy of the written specification of this application filed on November 26, 2001 showing the changes made from the provisional application filed on April 9, 2001. Subject matter added to the application on November 26, 2001 is underlined and subject matter